IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: **Conner et al.**	§	Group Art Unit: **2661**
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Serial No.: **09/657,119**	§	Examiner: **Wilson, Robert W.**
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Filed: **September 7, 2000**	§	Attorney Docket No.: **AUS9-2000-0336-US1**
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For: **Method and Apparatus for Performing a Stable Hash-Based Mapping Computation in Constant Time Over a Dynamically Varying Target Set of Computational Resources**	§	

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

A fee of $1,500.00 is required for filing a Petition to Revive; please charge this fee to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447. A fee of $200.00 is also required for 1 additional independent claim. Please charge this fee to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447. No additional fees are believed to be necessary. If, however, any additional fees are required, I authorize the Commissioner to charge these fees, which may be required to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447. No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and I authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447.

In response to the Office Action of December 29, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 20 of this paper.